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Sir:

This is a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on 31 July 2006. Appellants maintain the arguments stated in the Appeal Brief, and further clarify some of these arguments below.

In responding to Appellants' arguments—see Section 10, Response to Argument of the Examiner's July 31 Answer—the Examiner again states that the claim limitations of claims 1, 13 and 18 are taught by the Schneider and Hara et al. references because of the "undue breadth" of the claims. In particular, the Examiner states that certain claim limitations "are so broad in scope, and well known in the art, that they are not specifically mentioned in

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